NRI Help for Ganga-Cauvery link Project

3331. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRI KAPIL VERMA; SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Non-Resident Indians have offered help for the execution of Ganga Cauvery Link Project;

(b) whether any proposal in this regard was received by the Centra. Government recently; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Information was received in January 1987 that some Non-Resident Indians in U.S.A. halve formed a Trust for promoting water related projects in India. However, no proposal for assistance as such has been received.

Accidents in Bejdih colliery

3332. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of accidents has taken place at Bej dih Colliery in Sitarampur area during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details of these accidents along with the date, nature and persons involved in these accidents; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officials held responsible for these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Directorate General of Mines Safety have informed that they received notice of a serious accident which occurred on 23rd January, 1987 due to rope hau-
I lage in which one loader was injur-ed. An overman who was held responsible for the accident has been
warned by the Management.

Request of Freedom Fighters from Maharashtra to Release their Land Acquired for the Establishment of I.I.T.

3333. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some freedom fighters from Maharashtra have requested the Central Government to take action for the release of their land acquired for the establishment of I.I.T, near Vihar Lake, Bombay;

((b) whether it is also a fact that I.I.T, has not utilised the land so far; and

(c) if so, what steps are being-taken to release the land to the freedom fighters immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) This Ministry have no information in this regard. According to the Ministry of Human Resources Development, the land for I.I.T. Bombay was acquired by the State Government and a part of the land acquired was given to the National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering (NITIE). established adjacent to I.I.T. Bombay. The case is at present sub judice because of which a portion of the land could not be handed over.

Setting up of a Jail for Undertrials in Delhi

3334. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a jail for undertrial pri-

soners in Delhi in order to segregate them from hardened convicts; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Administration, at present there are 3 jails in the Central Jail,. Tihar. Jail Nos. 1 and 3 house predominently undertrials whereas convicts are lodged in Jail No. 2. segregating undertrials from convicts.

Overstay by Pak Nationals in India

3335. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a com mittee was constituted in his Minis try to make an indepth study of the problem of Pakistani nationals over staying in India;

(b) whether this Committee was wound-up widway before completing its task; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what further action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: (a) A task force was constituted for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Intrusion into India by Iranians

3336. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Iranians who have so far been apprehended for illegally crossing into India from Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government have taken/propose to take to check such illegal intrusion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) The Border Security Force who are guarding the Indo-Pakistan border had apprehended 2379 illegal entrants during the period from Jan. 87 to Sept. 87 out of which 2174 were pushed back. All the remaining 705 illegal entrants including 27 persons supected to be Iranians were handed over to the State Police authorities concerned for taking necessary action under the law. The BSF apprehends persons who fry to cross the border illegally. Out of those apprehended, persons who are suspected to be indulging in smuggling, cattle lifting, spying etc., are handed over to State Police authorities concerned and the remaining are pushed back. It is for the State Governments concerned to whom the BSF hands over the persons apprehended, to investigate, establish the identity and nationality of the infiltrators, prosecute and take necessary action under the law and finally to deport them after their sentences of imprisonment are over.

(b.) The BSF on the border are fully on vigil. Additional strength of BSF has been deployed on the borders. More bordeer out-posts and observation post towers have been established. Intensive border patrolling is being done with the help of jeeps/motorcycles. Special aids like portable search lights have been provided to border out-posts for scanning of the area during night. The BSF is also being expanded under a 5-year programme.